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Hematopoiesis and Vascular Growth

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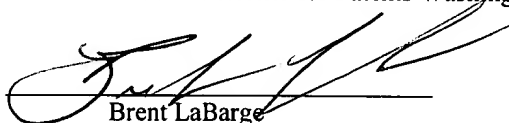
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments:

In the claims:

For the convenience of the Examiner, all claims being examined, whether or not amended, are presented below.

Please cancel, without prejudice, claims 74-75.

57. **(Thrice Amended)** A method of stimulating a population of undifferentiated mammalian mesodermally derived cells to undergo hematopoiesis, comprising contacting the cells with an amount of a hedgehog compound effective to stimulate the cells to undergo hematopoiesis, wherein the hedgehog compound comprises a polypeptide sequence at least 80% identical to a sequence selected from SEQ ID NO: 34, SEQ ID NO: 35, SEQ ID NO: 36, SEQ ID NO: 37, SEQ ID NO: 38, SEQ ID NO: 39, SEQ ID NO: 40, or a fragment thereof, which polypeptide